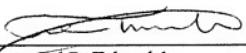


**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 14, and 16-19 are currently pending. Claims 5, 7, 13, and 15 were previously cancelled. Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 14, and 16 have been amended to correct clerical and informality errors. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 14, and 16 do not change the patentability of claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 14, and 16. Entry of the foregoing amendment prior to issuance is respectfully requested.

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